

Politique du Cancer en Oceanie Francaise, by M. Caudry, O. Bernard, and Y. Caudry; and "Les iles Marquises, Henua Enata, Henua Enana, Terre des Hommes" by S. Grand. Vol. 14, no. 154, 2004 features "Splendide Festival des Arts des Iles Marquises" which includes dancers from Rapa Nui. Email: www.tahiti-pacifique.com

Tok Blong Pasifik, Vol. 57(1), 2003. This issue features a paper by David Stanley, author of many travel guides for the Pacific Islands. Title: "Black Pearls of French Polynesia and the Cook Islands" (p. 18-19). www.sppf.org

USP Beat. News from the University of the South Pacific. 3 (12) 2003. Suva, Fiji.

A DVD of a 1972 movie called *Les Soleils de l'Île de Paques* (The Suns of Easter Island) has been re-issued. Described as a cosmic Western, it is like of precursor of "Close Encounters" as it involves a physicist, an astronomer, a priest, an ethnologist, an entomologist and a medium, who all separately have the same hallucinations about Easter Island and decide to go there. They meet there, and wonder about the strange force that brought them together. It was filmed on the island and it is slow-going, with an ecological bent. The director, now deceased, was Pierre Kast.

EIF NEWS

THE VI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Easter Island and the Pacific (VI-ICEAP) is scheduled for September 21-25, 2004, in Viña del Mar, Chile. The Universidad de Valparaíso, the Centro de Estudios Rapa Nui, and the Easter Island Foundation will together sponsor the conference. The co-chairmen are José Miguel Ramírez and Christopher M. Stevenson.

The Keynote Speaker is Atholl Anderson, Professor of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. The title of Anderson's speech is "Distance Looks Our Way: The Effects of Remoteness and Isolation in the Prehistoric Colonization of Polynesia."

Key researchers in the field will chair various sessions. Andreas Mieth (University of Kiel, Germany) has submitted a list of participants in his session, *Palaeo-Environments and Human Impact on Pacific Islands*. These include E. Matisoo-Smith, K. Roberts, N. Welikala, G. Tannock, P. Chester, D. Heek and J. Flenley; S. Haberle; H-R. Bork; C. Delhon and C. Orliac; M. Orliac; and K. Butler. Thegn Ladefoged's session, *The Archaeology of Hawai'i and East Polynesia*, has, at this moment, the following participants; Marshall Weisler and Roger Green, E. Matisoo-Smith, Thegn Ladefoged and Michael Graves, and Jenny Kahn. See our website, www.islandheritage.org

Other session chairs include: William S. Ayres, *Western Polynesian and Micronesian Archaeology*; Carol Ivory, *Arts of the Pacific: Change, Exchange, and Artistic Agency in Pacific Art*; Miki Makihara and Viki Haoa, *Language and Culture in Polynesia*; Grant McCall and Alejandra Grifferos, *Anthropology of History*; Francesco di Castri and Mónica Bahamondez, *Management and Conservation: A Sustainable Development for Rapa Nui*; Andrea Seelenfreund, *Rapa Nui*

Archaeology; Peter Sheppard, *Materials Science Analysis of Artifacts*; Vincent H. Stefan, *Polynesian Human Biology*; Christopher Stevenson, *General Session*; and Joan Wozniak, *Polynesian Agriculture*.

The venue for the meetings is "Conference Town", a attractive center that is specially configured for conferences, including excellent hotel accommodations and all meals. The ambience fosters interchange, small gatherings, and informal opportunities to meet other researchers. This self-contained conference locale has food services, bars and recreational facilities, pool, gym, ping-pong, billiards, etc. Views of Conference Town can be seen on the web at www.ctown.cl

Conference Town is located in Reñaca, only a few miles north of beautiful Viña del Mar, noted as one of the finest resort cities in Chile. All amenities are available in the area, from fine restaurants to excellent shopping and lovely beaches, and a Casino.

Abstracts must be submitted on diskette, or by email (attached file should be in .txt or .doc file) to ngarona@att.net and a hard copy/disk to Easter Island Foundation, PO Box 6774, Los Osos, CA 93412. Abstracts must be in English and Spanish and limited to 250 words. We must receive abstracts before **May 1, 2004**.

Abstracts of papers will be published in the conference program. While the format of sessions may vary, each presentation must be no more than 20 minutes in length. A 35 mm slide projector and digital projector will be provided to facilitate your presentation but speakers are responsible for bringing their own laptop computers if needed. There will also be a general Poster Session.

A special after-conference tour to Easter Island will be a unique opportunity to see Rapa Nui and visit the island's special sites with noted archaeologists and anthropologists. The tour is all-inclusive and will include hotel, meals, tours, special party with entertainment, and transportation on the island. Andreas Mieth will be taking a special tour to Poike to see his study area where the giant palms once stood. This will be a super opportunity to see your favorite island in the company of noted archaeologists and anthropologists. Note: Airfare to Easter Island is not included in the tour. For details on the tour: Jose-Miguel Ramirez: mataveriotai@entelchile.net General information: ngarona@att.net, or rapanuibooks@att.net

The Conference program schedule can be seen on our website, or contact us for a flier and registration form.

In order to take advantage of the early-bird registration rate, we must have your reservation by 1 July 2004. Rates go up after that date. We hope you will join us for an exciting, educational and entertaining experience in beautiful Chile as we celebrate the achievements of ancient and modern Polynesia. More information on VI ICEAP can be found on our website: www.islandheritage.org



The Prez Sez

WE HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD into the New Year and it is time to start preparing in earnest for the 2004 VI International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific. All those

grand plans and goals jotted down on paper must be realized through direct and concrete actions. Andreas Mieth has been the first to come through with his session, *Palaeo-Environments and Human Impact on Pacific Islands*. Other session chairs are not far behind and we expect the schedule to come together quite quickly. The session chairs are soliciting contributions by invitation. However, if you have a presentation but have not gotten "the call", do not hesitate to submit an abstract. There are slots open in all sessions as well as in the general session, so do not be shy.

The conference co-coordinator, José Miguel Ramírez, is in charge of the post-conference tour to Rapa Nui, which will be a wonderful opportunity to see the island with those who have been doing research there. Andreas Mieth and Hans-Rudolf Bork will lead a tour out to the tip of Poike to see their area of study concerning the giant palm forest. For tour information, please email José Miguel with your questions (mataveriotai@entelchile.net).

Christopher M. Stevenson, President, EIF

THE PUBLICATIONS ARM OF THE EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION has been busy with several new projects. One is titled *Early Visitors to Easter Island 1864-1877* and contains the reports of Eugene Eyraud, Hippolyte Roussel, Pierre Loti, and Alphonse Pinart, translated from the French by Ann M. Altman, Ph.D. Another project that is in preparation at this time is a children's book by Catherine Orliac and Veronique Willemin. Titled *Little Tree of Rapa Nui* it is the story of two Rapanui children searching for a *toromiro* tree on the island and is charmingly illustrated by the photographs of Willemin. The text of the book is in English, Spanish, French, and Rapanui. Through a gift from the Galery Louise Leris, we will be able to make this book available to many Rapanui school children, free of charge. Our third project is a new guidebook to Easter Island, by Shawn McLaughlin. Titled *The Complete Guide to Easter Island*, it contains all the latest information and research, hotels and restaurants in Hangaroa, up-to-date maps, and an English-Rapanui dictionary.

THE EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION sponsors a scholarship program to help students of Rapa Nui heritage under age 30 to further their education and ultimately promote the conservation and preservation of the Rapa Nui heritage. The EIF is very pleased to be able to award two scholarships this year: The Nicolas Haoa Sr. Memorial Scholarship and the Wiegand Educational Scholarship Award. The Haoa Scholarship is for one year and US \$2,000; this scholarship award began in 2002, and was presented to Alfonso Rapu Cardinali; in 2003, it went to Alberto Patricio Genskowski.

The 2004 Nicholas Haoa Sr. Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Noelani Rapahango Lagos. Noelani is studying in Viña del Mar, Chile, in the career of foreign commerce. This field deals with economy, business, banking, customs, airports, shipping, importation and exportation. She is in her fourth semester and will finish her studies at the end of the next year. She hopes to return to Rapa Nui and establish herself there to help the island within the field of foreign commerce. Congratulations Noelani!

This year we are very pleased to announce a new scholar-

ship available to Rapa Nui students. The Wiegand Educational Scholarship Award will give US \$8,000 over four years (\$2,000 each year). The winner is Ioan Haumoana Soler Hotu. Ioan is studying Computer Information Systems, which is part of the business program at El Camino College in Torrance, California. He will be receiving the first of two certificates with an Associate degree this year. Ioan hopes to transfer either to Cal State University Long Beach, in order to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Ioan plans to finish his studies and then return to the island and further develop his computer skills; Ioan has already been part of a group that developed the first web page for the island. Congratulations Ioan!

Both scholarships are sponsored and administered by the EIF. We encourage all students of Rapa Nui heritage under age 30 to apply for next year's scholarship. It is our hope to offer more such scholarships in the future to provide more educational opportunities. These scholarships may be used in conjunction with other scholarships and have very few restrictions. Donations (tax-deductible) are encouraged!

Marla Wold, Scholarship Program

WHAT'S NEW AT THE EIF OFFICE

A second printing of the very popular *Speak Rapanui! Hable Rapanui!* has been made available to us, courtesy of Dr. William Liller. We are pleased to be able to offer the book at the original price of \$12.

If you have not yet seen the book *Ra'ivavae* by Edmundo Edwards, you should check it out. We have had orders for this book from all over the world and have had many positive comments about this long-awaited work.

Sadly, we have sold our last copies of Georgia Lee's *Rock Art of Easter Island*. We note that there are still copies available on amazon.com at this time. We are also sold out of the beautiful *Easter Island. A Land of Rocky Dreams* by Carlos Huber and José Miguel Ramírez, but hope to have more in stock soon.

If your Rapa Nui Journal mailing label has a 2003 date on it, it is time to renew your membership **NOW**. Please contact us at (805) 528-8558 or at rapanuibooks@att.net to renew. Subscriptions rates are as follows: U.S./Canada: \$40 year (\$30 students/libraries/institutions); \$70 two years (\$50 students, etc.); Other countries: \$50 year (\$40 students/libraries/institutions); \$90 two years (\$70 students, etc.).

Thanks to Shawn McLaughlin, we now have an interim email newsletter, *Reo Rapa Nui*, to keep our members up to date between journals. If you have not yet received a copy, please make sure we have your email address. If you don't have access to email but would like to have a copy of the newsletter, please let us know and we'll send you a hard copy.

